

When Przemysl fell it made quite a clatter.

The do nothing legislature certainly did a lot in the way of spending the money.

National prosperity will come again only when the G. O. P. gets back home in Washington, D. C.

One T. Roosevelt is said to be about ready to get back into the G. O. P. Come on, Colonel, the water's fine.

Do any of our Democratic exchanges call the appropriation exploitation of the Missouri Legislature an economic performance.

When it comes to raising taxes the Democrats are Johnnie on the spot, but they can't produce the goods as low as the high cost of living.

The legislators ran away from Jefferson City leaving a \$15,000 printing bill unpaid. Nobody loves the poor printer when it comes to paying him.

The new Register of the Treasury, the man who signs all the paper currency, is named Tee-hee. We'll sure tee-hee every time we see his signature.

Since the Legislature failed to give the railroads relief, we wait to see what the railroads are going to do. Maybe they will cut wages, and then look out for strikes.

When the annual reports of the various departments at Washington are made in July there will be written therein a confession of Democratic incompetence, not openly, perhaps, but between the lines.

Those workmen in the Bonne Terre lead mills who returned to work the other day at reduced wages, which were in some instances as high as 85 cents a day, will rejoice in the watchful waiting policy of the Wilson administrative policy.

While we would like to see this country take the proper steps to secure an adequate national defense, we do not look forward to seeing the Japs in the post offices and the county court houses here in the near future.

The allies are hammering at the Dardanelles in order to open the way to the wheat fields of Russia, and their eagerness to get the way open is a pretty fair indication that England and France are going to be pretty hungry before long if they fail to open it.

Since the Missouri Legislature appropriated several million dollars more money than the revenues of the state will amount to, why there is only one thing to do—make the taxes higher. This is Democratic economy, which, it must be added, the people are so fond of that only the Democratic party may rule in Missouri.

A statement in one of our Democratic exchanges that the Postmaster General has just turned into the treasury a surplus of \$3,000,000 derived from his department looks rather queer alongside the Postmaster General's own admission that there will be a deficit of some eight or ten million in his department by June 30th.

Congressman Hensley says he believes in an efficient navy, but objects to burdening the people with taxes in order to get it. Of course that sounds very fine, but how in the world are we going to get an efficient navy unless we pay for it? Besides that, no navy is efficient unless it actually exists. We would look fine standing off a belligerent power while we are building a navy to a point of efficiency.

Those Terre Haute election frauds, for which a number of prominent Democrats, including the mayor of the city, are now undergoing prosecution, are about the most glaring exhibi-

tion of office stealing ever brought to public notice. The methods of the ballot-box stuffers there left nothing to the chance of defeating the Democratic candidates by an honest vote. Evidently the men who participated in these frauds held the idea that in defeating their political opponents by fraud they were committing merely a "conventional offence," otherwise it is difficult to account for the fact that men who, in other respects are fairly decent citizens, who would resent any imputation that they were rascals in general dealings with their fellow men, lent themselves to this bare faced stealing of the offices.

The state government at Jefferson City is a government based upon political prejudice, rather than upon a policy consistent with the economic welfare of the people. Missouri is held to be one of the states in which political opinion is still largely biased by the feeling engendered by the Civil War, more than fifty years ago, and determines the result at the polls; and that because of this feeling the Democratic party always wins regardless of that party's conduct as the ruling power. Its acts are done in the name of Democracy, and that goes, is the theory on which the Democratic party of Missouri justifies the riotous expenditure of the state revenues and the heavy burden of taxation it imposes upon the people in consequence. It insults the intelligence of the people by posing as a party with intentions of ruling at the lowest possible cost, and then intimates by its extravagances that the people like to have their intelligence insulted. Apparently this is true for we see the people returning the Democrats to power at each election. But once in a while there is a brief revolt, and until the Democrats put the focus of the old prejudice over the people again, we get some real government in this state. Just now the Democrats evidently feel that they will remain undisturbed in the state government for another long period, and simply ask the critics of the party's conduct, "What are you going to do it?"

Same Here.

Bristol French in the Piedmont Banner comments on the space and support given by country papers to causes for which others get well paid. What he says is mighty true and we are quoting what he says because it seems sometimes that people lose sight of how much a weekly paper gives the community. The Register gives quite a little space to the Farm Adviser articles and other meritorious causes and while we are not compelled to do it we feel that we are contributing to a good cause. Below is what Mr. French has to say:

"In counties having farm advisers we note that the newspapers publish long letters from the adviser to the farmers. They of course get no pay for this. But the farm adviser is paid for his work, and if he writes letters of sufficient length and strength it goes far toward proving to the public that he is doing his duty. Our only point in mentioning this matter—for we have no farm adviser in Wayne County—is simply to point out the justice of farm advisers, state boards of various sorts, normal schools, etc., paying for their publicity. The only unpaid 'professor' on the faculty of the Missouri University is the country editor; the only unpaid officials of the state boards of health and agriculture are the country editors; the only unpaid field and extension agents of the state normals are the country editors; the only unpaid allies of the farm advisers are the country editors. The assumption of the average reader is that the subscription price of a paper compensates the editor for all this work. It does nothing of the kind. It does not net him enough money to pay one printer, even on a paper with a large circulation like the Banner."—Bonne Terre Register.

THE AUDIT.

I am in possession of a circular that has been sent out over the county purporting to give figures as to the settlement of the County Collector and payments made by the writer to the County Treasurer. Now, I believe every man that puts in print a statement that is a matter of record on the record books of the county should quote the record as he finds it, and not so construe it as to make it fit a personal motive and try to deceive his fellow men by misstatements.

The Auditor's report is not the record, neither is Mr. Fox's circular letter. Go to the Treasurer's office and see if the Treasurer has a like entry, and then go to the County Clerk and ask him for the duplicate receipt and see if he has a receipt for such entry, and if you do not find it, and I know you will not, the statement in Mr. Fox's circular is vicious and should be condemned by every fair-minded citizen in the county. I stand on the record and don't ask any leniency. For all the money paid me as County Clerk I have the opinions of former Attorney General Major and the present Attorney General, Mr. Barker, that I am legally entitled to the amounts that are in question.

Now, as to the Collector's settlement with the county court at the March term, last, if Mr. Fox's statement is true, he would have had to have collected in back taxes \$16,000, when the record of the County Treasurer shows that he collected less than \$2,700. Go to the County Clerk and see if he does not verify this amount. Stick to the record books, and if Mr. Fox can not get any nearer the truth than he does in his circular letter he should get some one to compile the facts, and he would then find that he is so far wrong that he should be willing to go before the honest yeomanry of this county and apologize if he is as fair as he represents himself to be.

Now, quoting Mr. Fox's circular letter sent out with his petition for the Audit he says: "Washington County seems to be in debt anywhere between six and fifteen thousand dollars. The singular thing about it is, that no one seems to know exactly how much. We should first ascertain exactly how much Washington County is in debt."

Now listen, Mr. Taxpayers of Washington County, the Audit has been made and is on file with the Clerk of the County Court, not hearsay. Record, that is what I stand on when I go to the people by circular letter or in the public press. Now, if you find in the Audit made and on file a single statement of the financial condition of this county showing whether the County owes a penny or fifteen thousand dollars or any other sum I have been unable to find it. Not there.

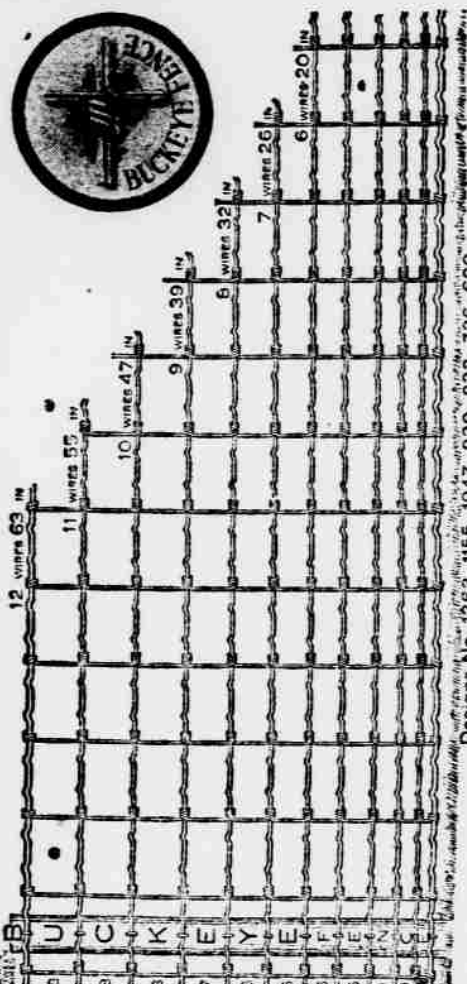
Now the County has paid \$568, and have a second bill on file asking the County to dig \$35.00 more which will total \$603.00, and we do not know any more as to the INDEBTEDNESS of the County than we did before the Audit, so far as the Audit is concerned. In addition to this the County has three law suits on its hands with additional expense of hired lawyers to assist the Prosecution. If I knew how many hundred dollars was pledged I would tell you, but lawyers hired by the court without record of cost I cannot speak.

In regard to the candidacy of the three candidates for County Superintendent of Public Schools will state the first official information I had of Mr. Hutchings' candidacy was his announcement in the County papers. The first official information I had of Miss Lettie Parmelee's candidacy was through Mr. Joseph Cresswell, who informed me that Miss Parmelee called him up over the telephone and informed him that she would be a candidate for Superintendent of Public Schools.

The first official information I had of Mr. Fox's candidacy was his announcement in the County papers. However I understood from reliable sources that he has been a standing candidate ever since his defeat for the nomination for Collector.

Quoting Mr. Fox's circular he says: "The County Superintendent of Schools was found correct in his accounts, by the Auditors." Now this is what the Auditors report says as to his office: "Much information of a historical and statistical nature is being compiled into permanent record. Not required to be kept. The County Court has been advancing and the Superintendent has been receiving money in anticipation of expenses for stamps etc."

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Honest court investigation of public accounts and checks need to be investigated.

Respectfully,
Jno. O. LONG.
(Advertisement.)

NOTICE.

I call the attention of the public to the fact that I have made my statements over my own signature in this campaign in ample time for a reply from those opposed to me, and any last-minute statement through the papers should be taken with a grain of salt.

BURWELL FOX.

Let Us Have Justice.

In the Admiralty Court at London, Wednesday, the king's counsel said that his majesty's government is not yet prepared to go to trial of the case arising out of the seizure and detention of the ship *Wilhelmina*. It will be remembered that the *Wilhelmina* is the ship which was loaded at New York with a cargo of foodstuffs originating in St. Louis and consigned to German ports. Counsel for the shipowners and the consigners protested against further delay, and called the attention of the court to the fact that Ambassador Page, acting under instructions from Washington, has repeatedly pro-

tested against the delay in this case. King's counsel, announcing that they were not ready for trial, the court, without argument continued the case until the next term.

The thing which most clearly condemns British action in this case is the fact that the *Wilhelmina* cleared from New York for Germany, with a non contraband cargo, weeks before the British *Oderin* cleared, which, by its own express terms, is not to be considered operative as against any clearance previously obtained. On the 15th of March, the vessel had then been impounded in Falmouth Harbor nearly six weeks. According to the terms of the British order, fairly interpreted and squarely applied in this case, the *Wilhelmina* should be released and permitted to proceed to points of destination as a ship not carrying contraband, and not coming within the time limit of the declaration of that form of blockade which the allies have since made. Even after waving this point and accepting naval might as the arbiter of neutral right in time of war, we are still in a position to say that abstract justice, entirely apart from all considerations of blockade, would decree a speedy hearing, to result either in remuneration of the owners and consigners, or in the release of their property and the permission to return it to the port of departure. Such over-riding of neutral rights in British courts as well as British seas can only increase that reaction in the opinion of this country, which some Eastern Journals are already deploring.—Globe Democrat.

What He Would Lose.

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